

## Senate Resolution 186

By: Senators Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th and Rogers of the 21st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Raymond Head, Jr., on the occasion of his 88th birthday;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Raymond Head, Jr., was born in Griffin, Georgia, on February 23, 1921,  
4 the beloved son of the beautiful Pauline Head and Raymond Head, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, a recognized scholar as a child, Mr. Head attended the famous Tuskegee  
6 Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama, where he majored in tailoring and earned a bachelor's degree  
7 in commercial industries; and

8 WHEREAS, upon his graduation from college, Mr. Head joined the United States Army as  
9 a corporal in 1945 and bravely served with the 372nd Infantry Division as a guardian of the  
10 nation's freedom and liberty; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1950, after his father passed away, Mr. Head took over the family's tailoring  
12 business in Griffin and his leadership, skill, and talent over the next 50 years allowed the  
13 business to thrive and become one of the leading establishments in Griffin-Spalding County;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, a champion of the Civil Rights movement through his business and social  
16 status, Mr. Head brought White and African American communities together during the  
17 1960s which resulted in great positive social change; and

18 WHEREAS, a ground-breaking leader, Mr. Head was the first African American elected to  
19 the City of Griffin Board of Commissioners and to the prestigious position as the city's  
20 Mayor; and

21 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
22 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
23 dramatically by his 27 years of superlative service as representative for District 2; and

24 WHEREAS, for his many social, business, and civic contributions, Mr. Head was  
25 recognized, in 1999, with election to the Commissioners Hall of Fame by the Georgia  
26 Municipal Association and a city park named in his honor; and

27 WHEREAS, even in retirement, Mr. Head continues to serve as an inspiration, a community  
28 leader, and a symbol of the Civil Rights movement for all citizens of Griffin, Spalding  
29 County, and the State of Georgia.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 commend Mr. Raymond Head, Jr., for his many years of efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
32 dedicated public service; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his 88th birthday; and  
33 extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Raymond Head, Jr.